

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bastian et al.

Serial No.: 09/536,736

ART UNIT: 1636

Filed: March 28, 2000

Entitled: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND
PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS ON
SURFACES

EXAMINER: McKelvey, T.

Atty. Docket No.: QGN-009.1 US

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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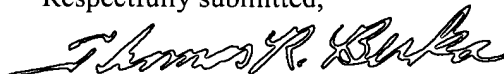
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[] \$680.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4).
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Respectfully submitted,

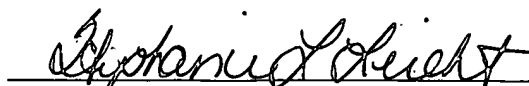


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action (Paper No. 5), dated June 4, 2001, in which the Examiner restricted the claims in the above-identified application.

Because this paper is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for response, no fee associated with this response is believed to be due. However, to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee related to this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

REMARKS

Applicants note that items 4 and 8 of the Office Action Summary appear to contain a typographical error indicating that Claims 1-62 are pending in this application. The correct number of claims pending in this application is 58 as noted in the Examiner's Detailed Action.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the present application contains patentably distinct inventions. As pointed out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), a proper restriction between independent and distinct inventions claimed in the same application requires two criteria: (1) that the inventions must be independent and distinct as claimed, and (2)